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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN REQUEST TO OPEN COMMERCIAL OFFICES  
IN US

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1. WE PREFER TO POSTPONE A DECISION CONCERNING THE  
BULGARIAN REQUEST FOR COMMERCIAL OFFICES IN CHICAGO AND SAN  
FRANCISCO UNTIL WE HAVE A LITTLE MORE CONFIDENCE THAT  
BULGARIA WILL IN FUTURE MAINTAIN A "LOW PROFILE" ON PUERTO  
RICO. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THE VALIDITY OF EMBASSY'S ARGUMENT  
THAT WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT TOO MUCH OF BULGARIANS IN SUCH  
MATTERS, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD WAIT A BIT LONGER TO SEE  
WHAT WE MAY EXPECT FROM THEM ON THIS TOPIC.

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2. THE 32ND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN THE UN HAS A NEWLY

ELECTED BULGARIAN VICE-CHAIRMAN, PENCHEV. WE BELIEVE THAT THE COMMISSION MAY DEAL WITH PUERTO RICO TOWARDS THE END OF FEBRUARY OR IN EARLY MARCH UNDER ITS AGENDA ITEM ON DECOLONISATION. ALSO, THE COMMITTEE OF 24 CAN TAKE UP PUERTO RICO AT ANY TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF AUGUST. THEREFORE, WE PLAN TO REVIEW THE QUESTION OF THE OPENING OF BULGARIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICES IN MID-MARCH. BY THAT TIME WE HOPE TO HAVE A CLEARER INDICATION OF BULGARIAN INTENTIONS AND TREATMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF PUERTO RICO. INGERSOLL

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